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Story and Art by
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Ghost Diary

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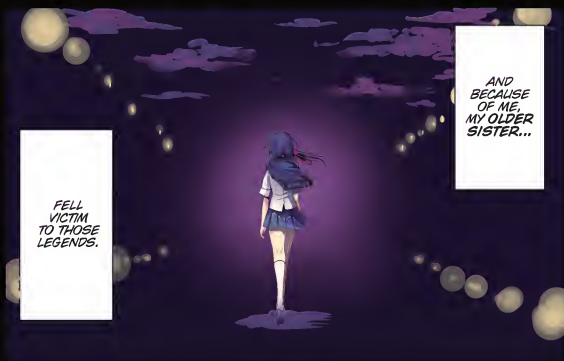


I COME
FROM
A LONG
LINE OF
EXOR-
CISTS.

MY
NAME IS
SUKAMI
KYOUICHI.



IN THE
TOWN
WHERE
I LIVE,
THERE
ARE MANY
STRANGE
LEGENDS.



FELL
VICTIM
TO THOSE
LEGENDS.

AND
BECAUSE
OF ME,
MY OLDER
SISTER...





I'M
GOING
EXORCISING
WITH YOU
TODAY,
TOO!



WAIT!



HANAICHI-
NEESAN!

Sukami Hanaichi
(11th Grade)

Sukami Kyouichi's Older Sister



PLEASE,
JUST
LET ME
HELP
YOU!

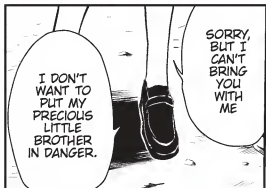
PLUS,
YOU'RE
HURT,
NEESAN!

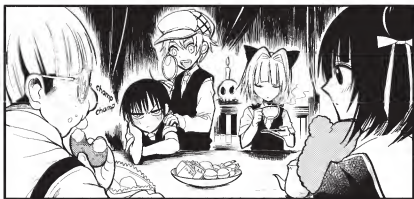


I'VE
PER-
FORMED
EXOR-
CISMS
ALL
OVER
TOWN!

SORRY,
NOPE. THIS
JOB'S
WAY TOO
DANGER-
OUS.

I CAN
DO
THIS!







HE
PROBABLY
GOT
DUMPED
BY HIS
BIG SIS
AGAIN!



YEAH,
RIGHT!
YOU GOT
TURNED
ON
SEEING
HER
NAKED!

I TOLD
YOU,
I DON'T
HAVE
THAT
KIND OF
RELATION-
SHIP
WITH MY
SISTER!



BEATS
ME.

Kaguyadou Mayumi
(5th Grade)

Daughter of a makeup mogul



Saeki Yuushirou
(5th Grade)

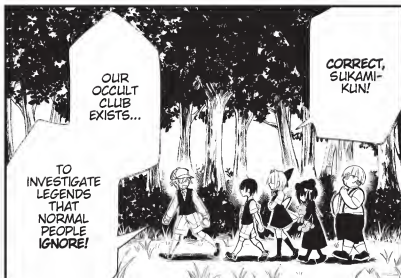
Grandson of a great detective
Occult Club President

THERE'S
A JUICY
LEGEND
I WANT
TO
INVESTI-
GATE.

WOULD
YOU TWO
PLEASE
SPARE
US YOUR
LOVERS'
QUAR-
REL?!

IT'S
ABOUT
TIME TO
START
THE
OCCULT
CLUB
MEETING!





OUR
OCCULT
CLUB
EXISTS...

CORRECT,
SLIKAMI-
KUN!

TO
INVESTIGATE
LEGENDS
THAT
NORMAL
PEOPLE
IGNORE!



THE
NAMELESS
GOD'S
MINI
SHRINE!

TODAY
WE'LL
BE
LOOKING
INTO...



THE
NAMELESS
GOD?

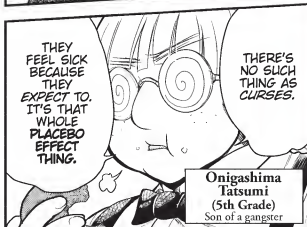


KINDA
SCARY...

THAT'S...

Suzukago Kukuri
(5th Grade)

Daughter of a toy maker



THEY
FEEL SICK
BECAUSE
THEY
EXPECT TO.
IT'S THAT
WHOLE
PLACEBO
EFFECT
THING.

THERE'S
NO SUCH
THING AS
CURSES.

Onigashima
Tatsumi
(5th Grade)

Son of a gangster



THAT'S
WHY
EVERYONE
CALLS
IT THE
"CURSED
SHRINE"
AND KEEPS
AWAY.

APPARENTLY,
PLAYING
NEAR IT
CAUSES
YOU TO
FEEL SICK.







HEY!
I TOLD
YOU,
IT'S
NOT
LIKE
THAT!

YOU
REALLY
DO HAVE
THE HOTS
FOR YOUR
SISTER,
DON'T
YOU?



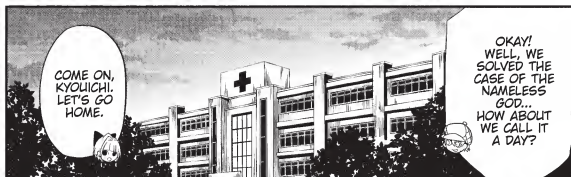
WH-
WHAT'S
YOUR
PROB-
LEM?

stare



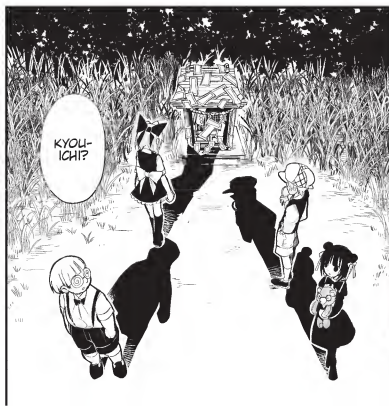
IF
NEESAN
WERE
FACING
DOWN
AN EVIL
GOD LIKE
THIS...

SHE
WOULD'VE
DONE
THE SAME
THING!



COME ON,
KYOUICHI.
LET'S GO
HOME.

OKAY!
WELL, WE
SOLVED THE
CASE OF THE
NAMELESS
GOD...
HOW ABOUT
WE CALL IT
A DAY?

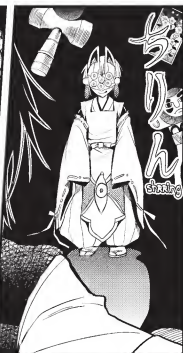
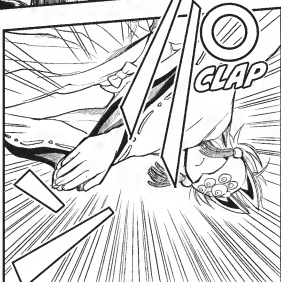


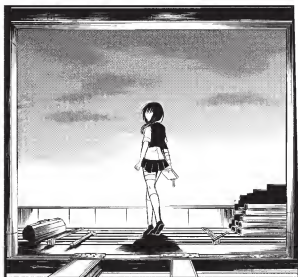
KYOU-
ICHI?

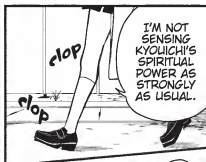
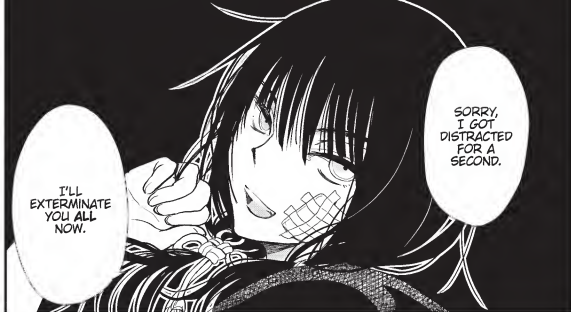


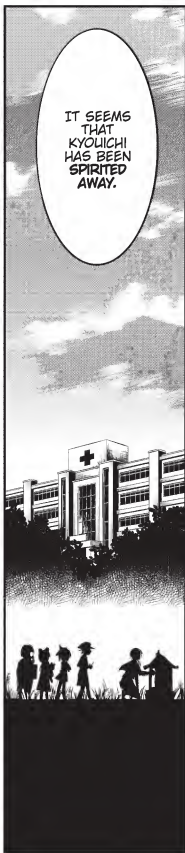


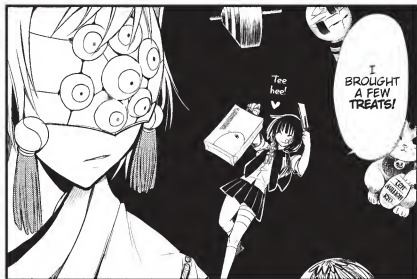


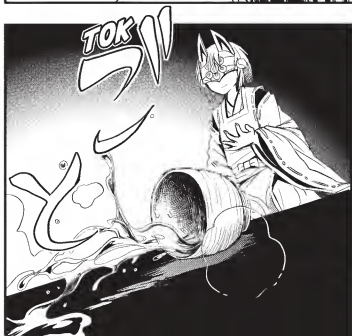


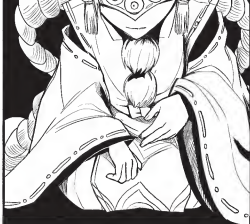


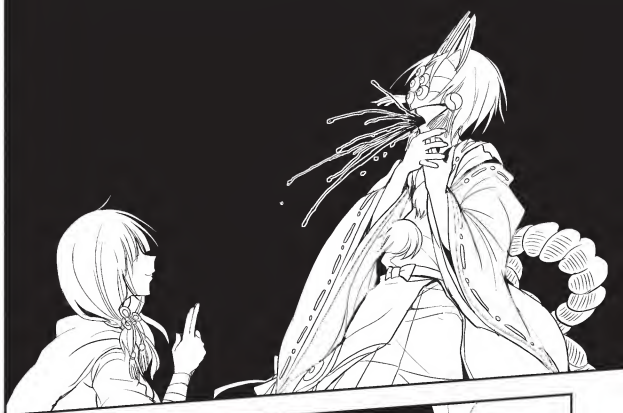






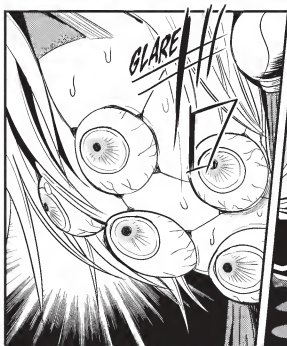






A SUITABLE
OFFERING
FOR AN
ARROGANT
GOD LIKE
YOU, DON'T
YOU THINK?

THE
DUMPLINGS
YOU ATE
WERE
PACKED
FULL OF
CURSES.



GLARE



THE
SUKAMI
FAMILY'S
WEAPONS
GO BEYOND
SIMPLE
TALISMAN
SLIPS AND
SUTRAS.







AND THEN
YOU USED
THE THREAD
I'D BROUGHT
TO CUT OFF
HIS HEAD.
NICELY
DONE!

SINCE
SLIPS AND
SUTRAS
DIDN'T
WORK, YOU
THREW IN
A SPELL,
HUH?



SO
DON'T DO
ANYTHING
STUPID
TRYING TO
FINISH IT.

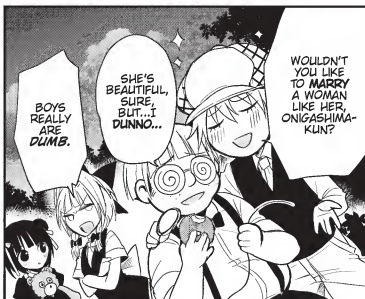
I DON'T
NEED THE
GHOST
DIARY,
EITHER...

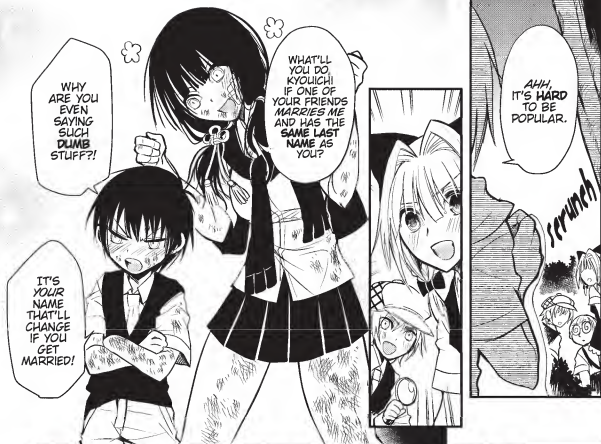


STRONG
ENOUGH
TO
PROTECT
EVERYONE,
EVEN
YOU.

I WILL
GROW
STRONGER.









WANT
TO GO DO
EXORCISMS
WITH ME
TOMORROW?

EH?



SURE,
HANAICHI-
NEESAN.

KYOUICHI,
WANNA
EAT
WATER-
MELON
TOGE-
THER?



HEY
KYOUICHI,
I WAS
THINKING...



BUT
YOU'RE
ALREADY
PLENTY
STRONG.
STRONGER
THAN EVEN
ME EVEN!

I MEAN,
YOU
EXTER-
MINATED
A GOD!

I STARTED
THE GHOST
DIARY SO
I COULD
GIVE IT TO
YOU ONE
DAY, WHEN
YOU WERE
STRONGER.

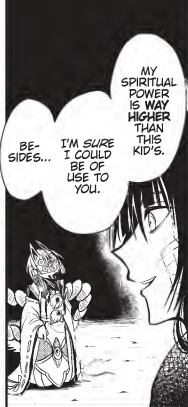


ARE YOU
SURE?
DON'T YOU
WANT TO
COMPLETE
THE GHOST
DIARY ALL
BY YOUR-
SELF?









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VANISHED
FROM
MY LIFE.

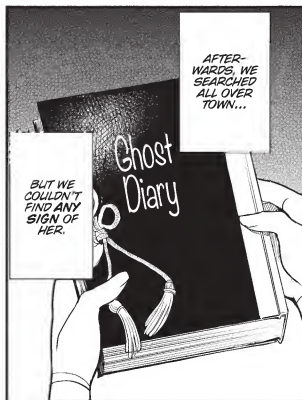
AND
WITH
THAT,
NEE-
SAN...



BUT I
KNEW
SHE'D
BEEN
TAKEN
AWAY
BY A
MONSTER.

EVERYONE
SAID THAT
SHE WAS
ALREADY
DEAD...

AND SO,
I'M GOING
TO GROW
STRONG
ENOUGH
TO EXTER-
MINATE
ANYTHING
THAT
CROSSES
MY PATH!



BUT WE
COULDN'T
FIND ANY
SIGN OF
HER.

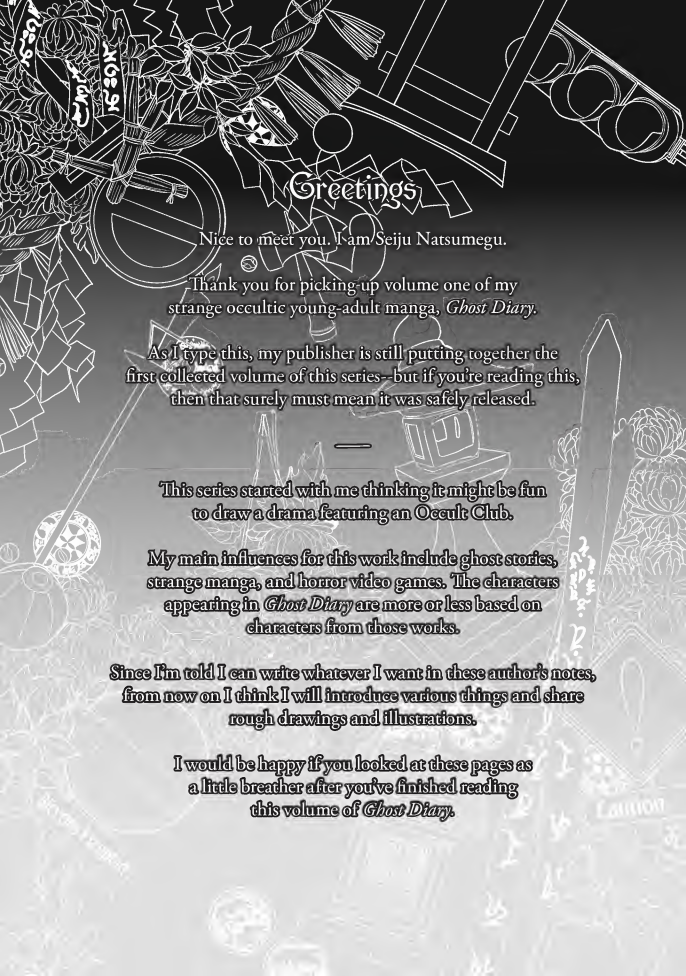
AFTER-
WARDS, WE
SEARCHED
ALL OVER
TOWN...



MOI
KNOWS
TOI'S
OLDER
SISTER.







Greetings

Nice to meet you. I am Seiju Natsumegu.

Thank you for picking up volume one of my strange occultic young-adult manga, *Ghost Diary*.

As I type this, my publisher is still putting together the first collected volume of this series—but if you're reading this, then that surely must mean it was safely released.

This series started with me thinking it might be fun to draw a drama featuring an Occult Club.

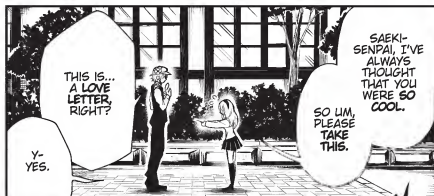
My main influences for this work include ghost stories, strange manga, and horror video games. The characters appearing in *Ghost Diary* are more or less based on characters from those works.

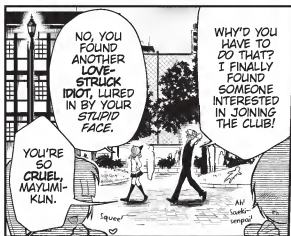
Since I'm told I can write whatever I want in these author's notes, from now on I think I will introduce various things and share rough drawings and illustrations.

I would be happy if you looked at these pages as a little breather after you've finished reading this volume of *Ghost Diary*.











BUT...

YOU'RE A
MILLION
TIMES
CUTER.

**Suzukago
Kukuri**

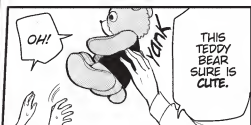
Daughter of a toy maker



I HAVE A CLUB
MEETING
I NEED
TO
ATTEND.

NO, I
CAN-
NOT.

AWW,
WHY NOT
HANG OUT
WITH US A
LITTLE, AT
LEAST.



OH!

THIS
TEDDY
BEAR
SURE IS
CUTE.



**Onigashima
Tatsumi**

Son of a gangster

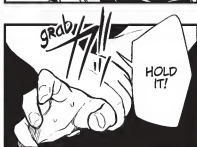
LET
GO OF
HER,
NOW.

IT'S
OBVIOUS
SHE WANTS
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH YOU
LOSERS.



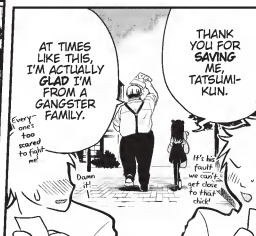
NOW,
HOW
ABOUT
WE
HAVE
SOME
FUN?

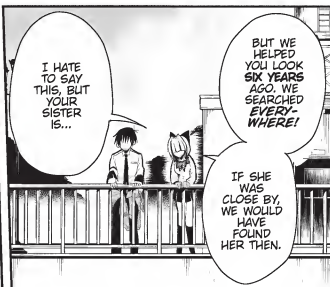
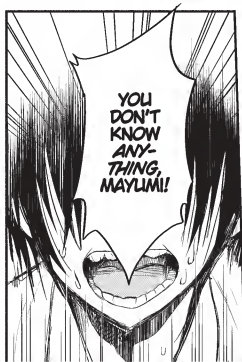
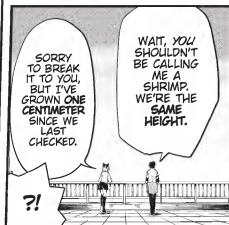
AHH!

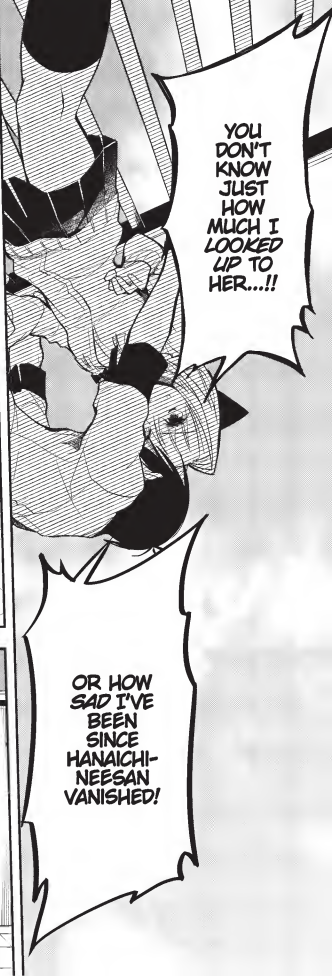
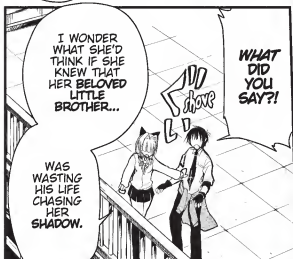


grab!

HOLD
IT!



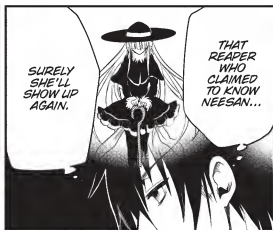
















SUPPOSEDLY,
A REAPER
HAS SETTLED
DOWN
AT THIS
ABANDONED
HOSPITAL...

AND THOSE
WHO SEE
IT GET
THEIR SOUL
SUCKED OUT,
SO THEY
SAY.



YOU
GUYS...



A
LEG-
END?

WE'RE
INVESTI-
GATING A
LEGEND!

WHY
ARE
YOU
HERE?



A
REA-
PER?

THE
REAPER
OF THE
OLD
HOS-
PITAL.



IF THE REAPER FROM THE LEGEND IS THE ONE I MET BEFORE...

I CAN GET HER TO TELL ME WHAT SHE KNOWS ABOUT NEESAN!



THAT'S WHY WE'RE ON THE CASE, ONIGA-SHIMA-KUIN!

SO THIS LEGEND MAKES NO SENSE!

BUT NORMALLY YOU'D DIE IF YOUR SOUL GOT SUCKED OUT...



It doesn't matter what the source was! Con- source was! firming the truth is what counts. It's a bit scary... What- ever, it's all just superstition.

A REAPER, HUH...



IT'S A BIG PLACE. I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN COVER ALL OF IT.

GOOD POINT. WE'LL SPLIT UP INTO THREE TEAMS TO INVESTIGATE!



IT'S TOTALLY COOL!

WII SNAP?

IS IT COOL IF I HELP OUT?

YUI-SHI-ROU ...



EVEN SO...

Don't hang all over me! Here last, without you! You follow him!

YOUR SPIRITUAL ABILITY IS INDISPENSABLE TO THE OCCULT CLUB!





COULD IT
BE THAT
YOU'VE
BECOME
A GHOST
THAT
HAUNTS
THIS
PLACE?

BUT...
YOU LOOK
JUST LIKE
YOU DID
SIX YEARS
AGO...

ONEESAN,
WE'VE
BEEN
SEARCHING
FOR YOU
ALL THIS
TIME!



BUT,
HANA-
ICHI-
SAN...

I DON'T
WANT TO
SOUND TOO
SENTIMEN-
TAL...



IS
BECAUSE
WE
ALWAYS
DREAMED
OF
FINDING
YOU.

ACTUALLY,
ONEESAN,
THE REASON
WE'VE
KEPT THE
OCCULT
CLUB
GOING SINCE
GRADE
SCHOOL...

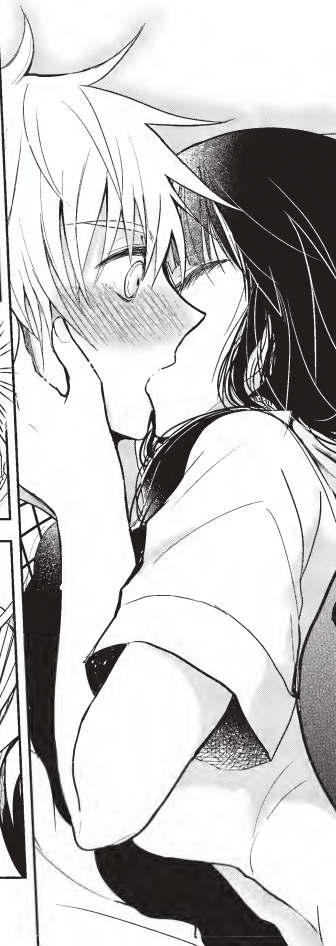
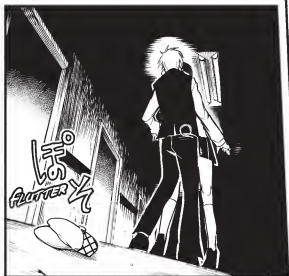


I ONLY
WISH I
COULD HAVE
TOLD YOU
WHILE YOU
WERE STILL
ALIVE...

blush



I WAS
IN LOVE
WITH
YOU.





NOW...

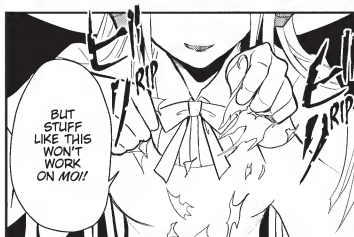
MOI
HAS
TOI'S
SOUL!

I'D
THOUGHT
THAT
YOU'D
COME IF
I SPREAD
THAT
LEGEND...

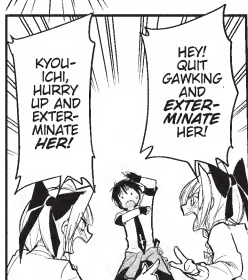
BUT TO
THINK
I'D CATCH
YOU SO
EASILY!

THUMP

はっ
はっ
はっ











HAVE A
SPELL
WOVEN
IN THEM
TO
EXORCISE
EVIL.

THE
GLOVES
THAT
I'M
WEARING...



THAT
EXORCISM
SPELL
REACTS
IMMEDI-
ATELY.

IF
SOME-
ONE
NON-
HUMAN
TOUCHES
IT...



CRACK

CRACKLE

CRACKLE



**YOU'RE
NOT
MAYUMI!**

**YOU'RE
THE
READER
OF THE
OLD HOSPI-
TAL!**

FROM
READING
THE GHOST
DIARY THAT
NEESAN
LEFT
BEHIND...

IF WE
THROW
AROUND
SLIPS AND
SUTRAS
WILLY-NILLY,
THAT'LL PUT
YOU MON-
STERS ON
THE ALERT.

"EACH
MONSTER
HAS ITS
OWN WAY
TO BE
BEATEN."

NEESAN
ONCE
TOLD ME
SOME-
THING...

I'VE
THOUGHT
LONG AND
HARD ABOUT
HOW TO
FIGHT AN
OPPONENT...

SO THAT
THEY WON'T
FIGURE
OUT THAT
YOU'RE EVEN
ATTACKING.

AS
PART
OF A
SEARCH
TO FIND
NEW WAYS
TO BEAT
MON-
STERS.

I'D
HEARD
LEGENDS
OF AN
EXORCIST
USING
DECEPTION
SPELLS
...

A MANSION
THAT WAS
BUILT OVER
THIRTY-EIGHT
YEARS IN
ORDER TO
CONFUSE
EVIL
SPIRITS?

AH,
I SEE.
LIKE AN
HOMAGE
TO THE
WINCHESTER
MYSTERY
HOUSE...

HOW-
EVER...

THAT
EXORCIST
WAS
YOU,
WASN'T
IT?





KYOLICHI,
THIS REAPER...

YEAH...



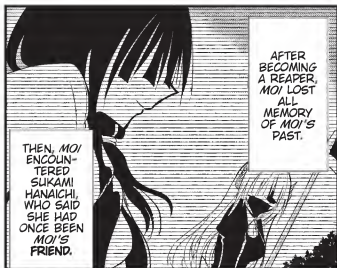
THIS
REAPER
KNOWS
NEESAN.

throb.



TO/DID
WELL
EXPOSING
MOI/ASTA
FAKE.

IT
SEEMS
TO/
REALLY
IS SUKAMI
HANAICHI'S
LITTLE
BROTHER.



THEN, MOI ENCOUNTERED SUKAMI HANAICHI, WHO SAID SHE HAD ONCE BEEN MOI'S FRIEND.

AFTER BECOMING A REAPER, MOI LOST ALL MEMORY OF MOI'S PAST.



MOI HAD NO MEMORY OF THAT, BUT IN HER MOI FOUND A KINDRED SPIRIT.

IT'S NEWS TO ME TOO.

PAPA PAPA

YOUR OLDER SISTER WAS FRIENDS WITH A REAPER?



TOI'S SISTER WAS A FRIEND OF MOI, THOUGH ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME...

MOI IS NAMED CHLOE KOWLOON.

FRIEND?



I'D LIKE YOU TO COMPLETE THIS GHOST DIARY...

WITH A BOY WHO HAS THE SAME FACE AS ME.

IF YOU DO THAT...



I'VE PUT SPECIAL SPELLS IN THIS BOOK.

CHLOE, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU, AS A FRIEND.

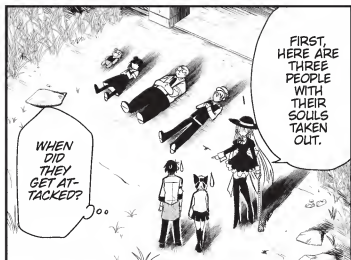
AFTER MOI GOT USED TO THE WORK OF A REAPER...



IF THE
GHOST
DIARY IS
COMPLETED...

MOI'S
MEMORIES
WILL
RETURN!







MOI
IS TOI'S
FRIEND...

REMEMBER
THAT,
SUKAMI
KYOUICHI.



KYOU-
ICHI!

I SEE...
SO THE
NEESAN
I SAW
WAS
YOU IN
DISGUISE.



CHEER
UP,
SUKAMI
KYOUICHI.

TOI'S
SISTER
IS SOME-
WHERE
IN THIS
TOWN.

THAT
IS THE
ABSOLUTE
TRUTH.



CALL
WHENEVER
YOU NEED.





YOUR COOKING SKILLS ARE QUITE IMPRESSIVE FOR ONE SO YOUNG!

(DAD)

AND THE HOUSE HAS NEVER BEEN SO CLEAN! PLEASE, DO STAY HERE FOREVER! (MOM)

AHH, WHAT A DELICIOUS MEAL, KUROE-SAN!



BOW

I AM KUROE KURON.

PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.

SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU EARLIER, KYOUICHI.

MEET OUR NEW LIVE-IN HOUSE-KEEPER.



MOI GAINED A HINT FROM HOW TO/ BEAT MOI, AND SNUCK IN.

MOI FOOLED THE BARRIER BY BEING ON A WAVE-LENGTH SIMILAR TO A HUMAN'S.



BE-CAUSE IT BENEFITS MOI TO BE HERE.

OKAY, BUT WHY DID YOU NEED TO SNEAK IN?!



HOW DID YOU GET PAST THE HOUSE'S BARRIER?!

WHAT "DEAL" IS TO/ REFERRING TO?

WHAT'S THE DEAL, CHLOE ?!

BE SILENT.



Back Cover Line Drawing

I draw covers to introduce characters that appear in the manga. Feel free to color these in.



Front Cover Fine Drawing

Even the Sanskrit is drawn to say "Ghost Diary" (lol)



佐伯遊雨郎

SAEKI YUUSHIROU

ONIGASHIMA
TATSUMI

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KAGO
KURU?

SOZU
KU

KAGUYADO
MAYUMI

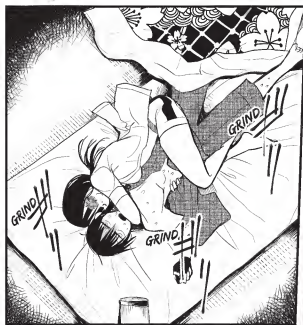
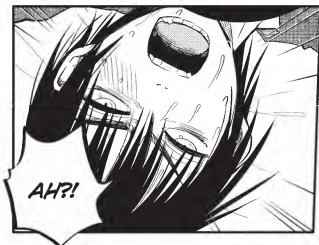
SUKAMI
KYOUICHI

[3rd Page • The Impassable Forest]



YOU
BROUGHT
ME MY
GHOST
DIARY,
KYOU-
ICHI...







NOT ONLY DID YOU NOT CHEER ME UP, YOU GAVE ME A NIGHTMARE!!

SO, MOI THOUGHT TO CHEER YOU UP IN HANA-ICHI'S PLACE.

BUT YOU LOOKED SO LONELY WHILE SLEEPING.

You can't go to Heaven with that face.



MOI HAS NO CLEAN ONES, SO MOI BORROWED THESE.

A-AND WHY ARE YOU WEARING MY UNDERWEAR ...?!



QUIT IT, CHLOE!!

Chloe Kowloon

Hanaichi's friend, a reaper



OR GO BUY MORE! TODAY!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE A HOUSE-KEEPER, YOU COULD AT LEAST DO SOME LAUNDRY!

BUT THERE'S A HOLE IN THE FRONT, SO THEY'RE HARD TO USE...



CUT YOUR TIES WITH THEM.

IF YOU WANT TO COMPLETE THE GHOST DIARY QUICKLY...



BY THE WAY, SUKAMI KYOU-ICHI...

ABOUT THOSE CHILDREN IN THE OCCULT CLUB...



HOW
DID THE
MURDERER
GET UP
THERE? AND
WHO WAS
THE
VICTIM?

A WOMAN
WAS KILLED
ON THE TOP
FLOOR OF
A HIGH-RISE
APARTMENT
BUILDING
WITH TIGHT
SECURITY.

ON
TO THE
NEXT
PUZZLE.

HEH,
THAT'S
EASY!



SINCE
HE'S A
GHOST,
HE COULD
SLIP
THROUGH
SECURITY
...!

AND
KILL
THE
WOMAN
EASILY!

THE
MURDERER
WAS A
MALE
GHOST
WHO'D BEEN
STALKING
THE
WOMAN!

Saeki Yuushirou

Grandson of a great detective
Occult Club President



ARE YOU
REALLY
THE
GRAND-
SON OF A
GREAT
DETEC-
TIVE?

HEY,
I CAN'T
HELP IT!
I LOVE
SPOOKY
STUFF!

SAEKI-DONO,
YOU WON'T
SOLVE
ANYTHING
IF YOU'RE
ALWAYS
LOOKING
FOR A
SUPERNATURAL
EXPLANATION.

**Onigashima
Tatsumi**

Son of a gangster



YOU'RE
WRONG.

WHAT?!





WOULD
ALLOW
US TO
COMPLETE
THE GHOST
DIARY MORE
EFFICIENTLY?

DOESN'T
TOI THINK
THAT
TEAMING
UP WITH
MOI
ALONE...



THEY
AREN'T
POWER-
LESS
HUMANS.



POWERLESS
HUMANS
WILL,
EVENTUALLY,
BECOME A
BURDEN
TO YOU.



JUDGING BY
APPEARANCES,
THEY DON'T
HAVE ANY
POWERS.



EVEN
NOW,
THEY'RE
SEARCHING
FOR HER
WITH ME.

THEY'RE
MY
CLOSEST
FRIENDS.

THEY
LOOKED
AFTER
ME...

WHEN
HANAICHI-
NEESAN
VANISHED.



THEY
WILL
JUST
DRAG
US
DOWN.

AND
LEAD
TOI TO
HADES
ONE
DAY.



OH HO
HO! SO TOI
WON'T HONOR
A REQUEST
FROM
TOI'S FRIEND,
MOI?



MOI WANTS
TOI TO
COMPLETE
THE GHOST
DIARY
QUICKLY
AND RETURN
MOI'S
MEMORY.

LISTEN,
SUKAMI
KYOU-
ICHI...

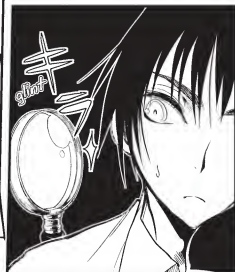


IF SO,
THAT'S ALL
THE MORE
REASON TOI
SHOULD
CUT TIES.

DOESN'T
TOI WANT
TO GET
CLUES ABOUT
HANAICHI
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE?

OTHER-
WISE...

shff







WITH THINGS LIKE THIS, I REALLY DON'T STAND A CHANCE.



HEY,
SAEKI ISN'T
IT ABOUT
TIME WE
STARTED
TODAY'S
CLUB
MEETING?!

NOTHING!

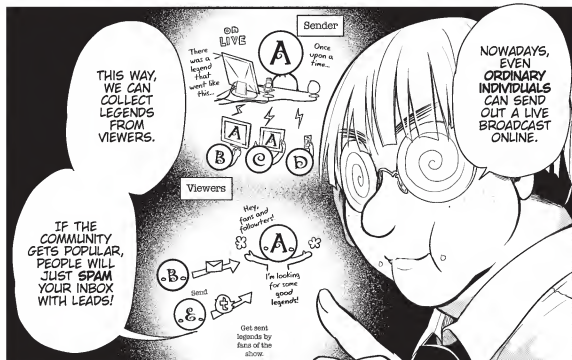
I'M
SO
HAPPY!



**SHE'S
ALLURING
ENOUGH,
BUT TO AN
EXORCIST LIKE
KYOUICHI, A
SUPERNATURAL
CREATURE LIKE
HER IS
BASICALLY
CATNIP!**

WHY
DOES
KYOUICHI
ALWAYS
HAVE
PRETTY
GIRLS
AROUND
HIM...?





Strange
Customs

Folklore

Legend:
Tradition

THIS
SCHOOL
HAS A LONG
HISTORY,
AND THERE
ARE A
BUNCH OF
INTERESTING
LEGENDS.

IT'S
FUN, LIKE
COLLECTING
FAIRY
TALES!

I COLLECT
LEGENDS
FROM OLD
BOOKS AND
NEWSPAPER
CLIPPINGS.



BUT I
GET MY
INFORMATION
THROUGH
INTER-
ROGATION!

*Like
any good
detective!*

NOTHING
BEATS
GETTING
THE STORY
STRAIGHT
FROM THE
HORSE'S
MOUTH!



COULD
AERO-
SMITH
BE A
TULPA*
...?

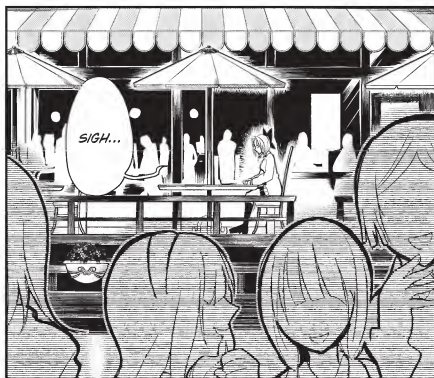
*She
is shy,
yesuree.*

THE TRUTH
IS, WE'RE
LOOKING FOR
THE ANSWERS
IN BOOKS BE-
CAUSE KUKURI
HAS A HARD
TIME TALKING
TO PEOPLE.



IT'S ALL
WELL AND
GOOD
TO GET
LEGENDS
ONLINE
OR FROM
BOOKS...

*An artificial spirit created by giving personality to an object, etc. In short, an imaginary friend.

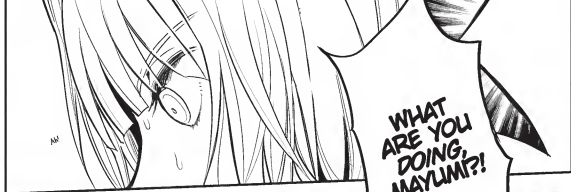


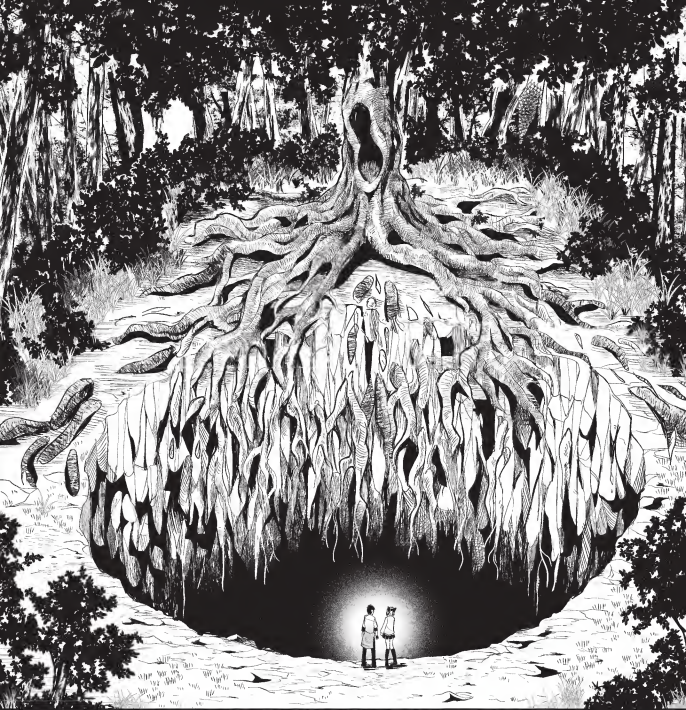




Talking to Herself
very Loudly

N-NO,
THAT'S
NOT
WHY
I'M
HERE!







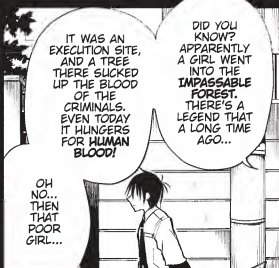
MAYUMI,
AFTER YOU LEFT
THE CLUB
ROOM...

I WENT
TO
COLLECT
LEGENDS
AROUND
TOWN,
TOO.



I'M NOT
GOING AFTER
HER. I'M WAY
TOO SCARED
OF THOSE
CREEPY
WOODS.

SHE WAS
CUTE, TOO,
WITH THAT
BIG BOW
IN HER
HAIR...



IT WAS AN
EXECUTION SITE,
AND A TREE
THERE SUCKED
UP THE BLOOD
OF THE
CRIMINALS.
EVEN TODAY
IT HUNGERS
FOR HUMAN
BLOOD!

DID YOU
KNOW?
APPARENTLY
A GIRL WENT
INTO THE
IMPASSABLE
FOREST.
THERE'S A
LEGEND THAT
A LONG TIME
AGO...

OH
NO...
THEN
THAT
POOR
GIRL...



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TURN
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HEY
YOUNG
MAN!
YOU CAN
HEAR ME,
RIGHT?!

YOU'RE
THE KID
FROM
THAT
EXORCIST
FAMILY!







CHLOE!

HEH
HEH!
MOI HAS
COME TO
SAVE TOI,
SUKAMI
KYOUICHI.



QUICK!
COME
GET
MA-
YUMI!

WHAT
IS TOI
TALKING
ABOUT?



WHAT
?!

LISTEN,
SUKAMI
KYOUICHI.

THE
ONE WHO
TOLD HER
THAT FAKE
LEGEND...



COULDN'T
TOI JUST
DROP THE
GIRL AND
COME UP
ALONE?

SLASH



WAS
MOI.

TO/
SHOWING
UP AS WELL
WAS A BIT
OF A
SURPRISE,
MOI
ADMITS.



AND THEN,
ONCE IT'S
JUST MOI/
AND SUKAMI
KYOWICHI...

RELAX.
MOI/ WILL
SEND THE
OTHER
THREE
OVER,
TOO.



BECAUSE
TO/ DIDN'T
SEEM TO
WANT
TO CUT
TIES WITH
THEM...

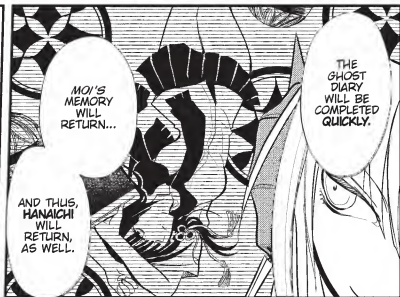
WHY
WOULD
YOU DO
THAT?!

SO MOI/
THOUGHT
IT WOULD
BE BEST
TO LEAD
THEM TO
HADES.



AND
THEY'LL
ALL LIVE
HAPPILY
EVER
AFTER!

DON'T
GIVE
ME
THAT!



MOI'S
MEMORY
WILL
RETURN...

AND THUS,
HANAICHI
WILL
RETURN,
AS WELL.

THE
GHOST
DIARY
WILL BE
COMPLETED
QUICKLY.



I
WOULDN'T
KILL MY
FRIENDS
FOR IT!

WHAT
IS TOI
SAYING?
WOULD TOI
REALLY
THROW
AWAY
A CHANCE
TO FIND
HANAICHI?



I'M
SERIOUS
ABOUT
THIS.

LISTEN
TO ME,
CHLOE.



IF YOU
EVEN
THINK
ABOUT
KILLING
MAYUMI
AND THE
OTHERS...

I'LL
BURN
THE
GHOST
DIARY!



MOE HADN'T
THOUGHT
THEY WERE
THAT
IMPORTANT
TO TOI.

FROM
NOW ON,
MOE WON'T
LAY A
FINGER ON
THAT GIRL
OR THE
OTHER
THREE.

MOE IS
SORRY,
SUKAMI
KYOUICHI.

swing





BUT
WHAT
CAN WE
DO?



I'M
SORRY,
KYOUICHI.
THIS IS
ALL MY
FAULT...

COME
ON, IT'S
NOT LIKE
YOU TO
GIVE UP!



HOWEVER,
MOI
CANNOT
RESCUE
TWO AT
THE SAME
TIME.

ALL MOI
CAN DO
IS HOLD
BACK
THESE
CREATURES.

MOI
IS
SORRY.

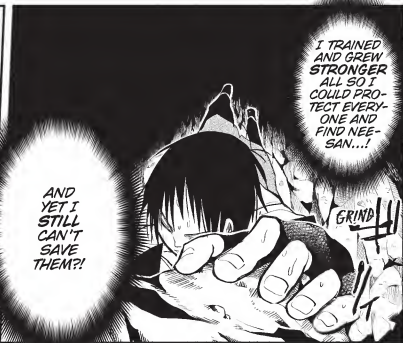


AND AT
THIS RATE,
IT'S ONLY A
MATTER OF
TIME UNTIL
THE TREE
EATS US.

WITH BOTH
MY HANDS
OCCUPIED,
I CAN'T
CAST ANY
SPELLS...

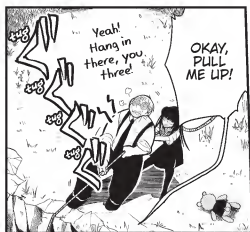


AND
YET I
STILL
CAN'T
SAVE
THEM?!



I TRAINED
AND GREW
STRONGER
ALL SO I
COULD PRO-
TECT EVERY-
ONE AND
FIND NEE-
SAN...!

GRIND







IF
MOI HAD
EXTER-
MINATED
IT
EARLIER...

TOI MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
SWALLOWED
UP INSIDE.

AS TOI
CAN SEE,
THE CHASM
VANISHED
RIGHT
AFTER IT
WAS
VAN-
QUISHED.



NOW
PEOPLE
WON'T BE
GETTING
ATTACKED
ANYMORE...



IT'S
ALREADY
BEEN
EXTER-
MINATED.



CHLOE!

MOI
IS...

OH HO,
JUST THE
BRILLIANCE
EXPECTED
FROM THE
OCCULT CLUB
PRESIDENT.

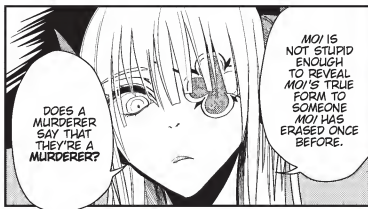


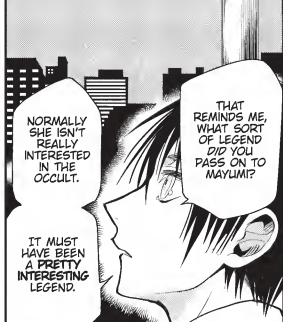
IS IT
SAFE
TO SAY
YOU'RE
NO MERE
MORTAL?

I
BELIEVE
YOU'RE
CHLOE-
SAN,
CORRECT?

JUST
NOW I
WITNESSED
YOU
FLYING
IN THE
AIR.







NORMALLY SHE ISN'T REALLY INTERESTED IN THE OCCULT.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN A PRETTY INTERESTING LEGEND.

THAT REMINDS ME, WHAT SORT OF LEGEND DID YOU PASS ON TO MAYUMI?



NEW UNDERWEAR.

BY THE WAY, CHLOE, WHAT'S IN THE BAG?

MOI WON'T BE USING TOI'S ANYMORE, SUKAMI KYOICHI.

....



BUT IT MUST HAVE BEEN A LEGEND THAT SHE NEEDED TO HEAR.

WHO CAN SAY?



K a i d a n n i k i



First, the protagonist,
Sukami Kyouichi-kun.

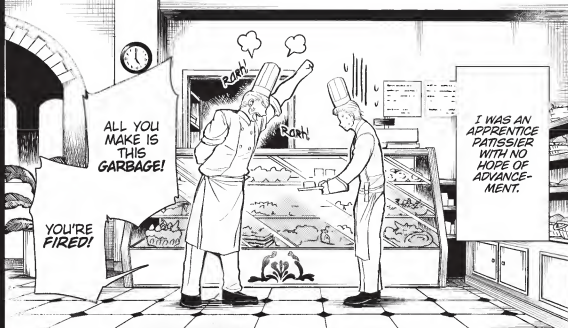
He is modeled after Nueno Meisuke from *Hell Teacher Nube*.

Nube is a shonen manga in which the character Nube exterminates yokai with his demon hand and protects students. Because it was my favorite work, and ran for a long time, I used it as a reference when preparing materials for my series.

However, after *Ghost Diary* was set for serialization, *Hell Teacher Nube NEO* started up. This sort of thing does happen. I am still having fun reading it, of course.

Incidentally, the chapter that traumatized me was "Bukimi-chan." Since I have no memorization ability, I'm scared of monsters that require memorization (such as Kashima Reiko-san, the legless woman who'll tear off your legs if you don't answer her questions the right way).

In the early stages, I anguished over whether Kyouichi-kun's face should be scary, but after the fourth page I realized, "It's fine if I draw him with a girly face!" so now I draw him with a girly face (lol).

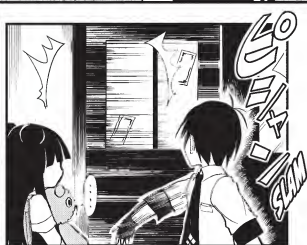


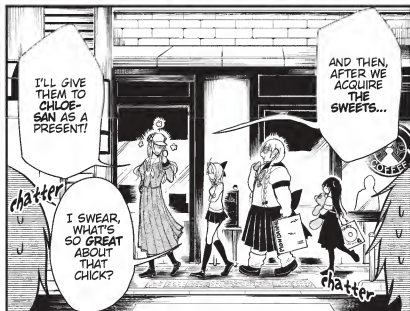


BUT I FELL
COMPLETELY
IN LOVE
WITH THAT
HIGH
SCHOOL
GIRL.

[4th Page • The Phantom Macaron]







I'LL GIVE THEM TO CHLOE-SAN AS A PRESENT!

AND THEN, AFTER WE ACQUIRE THE SWEETS...

I SWEAR, WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT THAT CHICK?

THUS, WE BOYS WILL NEED TO WEAR WOMEN'S CLOTHES FOR THIS INVESTIGATION!

IT'S SAID THAT PHANTOM MACARON APPEARS BEFORE WOMEN WITH LONG HAIR.



DON'T YOU WANT TO EAT PHANTOM MACARON'S SWEETS?!



IT'S JUST... MAYUMI-DONO...

I UNDERSTAND YUUSHIRO DOING DRAG FOR A CASE, BUT WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE, TATSUMI?



HEY...



MAYUMI-CHAN, YOU'RE NOT WEARING YOUR HAIR LONG?

WELL, AT LEAST I GOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST OUT...

NO, I LIKE THIS HAIR-STYLE.

THE NEW KAGUYADOU DISGUISE MAKEUP SET THAT'S GOING ON SALE THIS SPRING.



LOOKS LIKE SOME-THING NEESAN WOULD WEAR...

THIS OUT-FIT...

WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE IN A SHORT SKIRT?

blush...

CHILL

Before

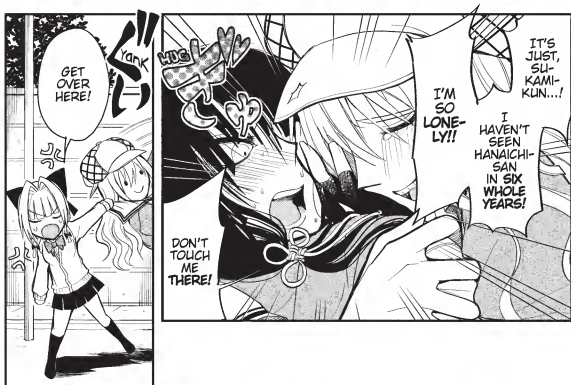
SUZUKI KYOICHI

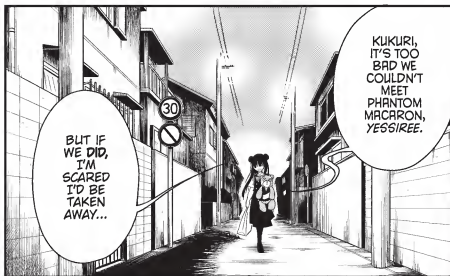
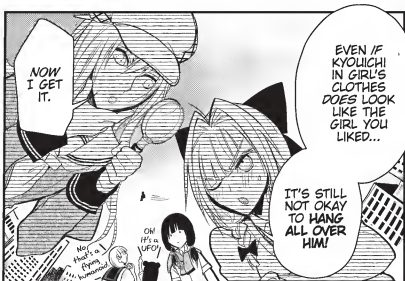
WHY AM I BLUSHING?! HE'S NOT THAT CUTE!

THEY SURE ARE SIBLINGS, YES-SIREE.

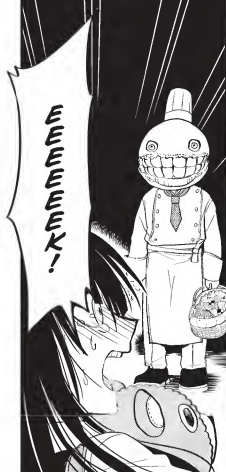
FORGIVE ME, CHLOE-SAN, HANAICHI-SAN. I'M AN AWFUL MAN.

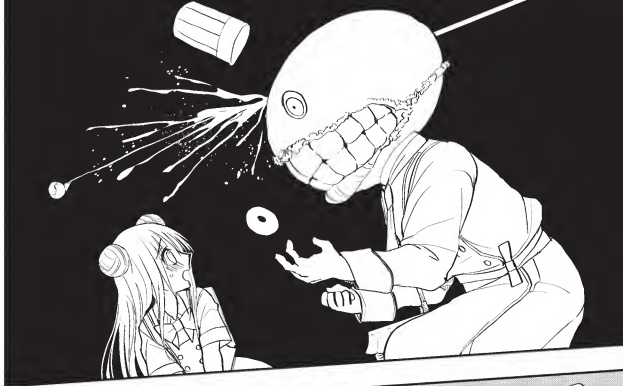
I WAS ABOUT TO FALL FOR SUKAMI-KUN.

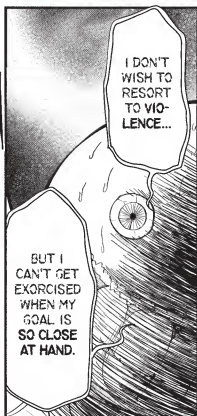


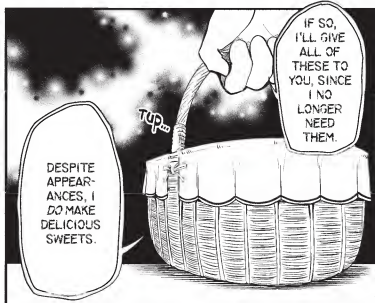
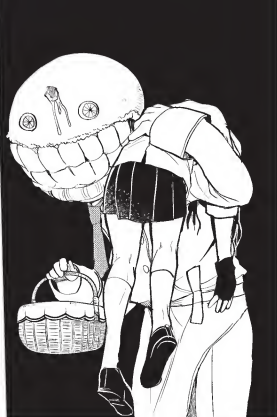
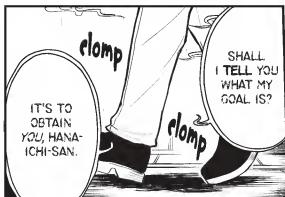


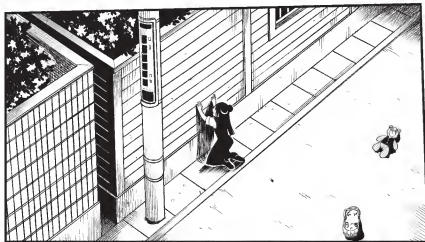




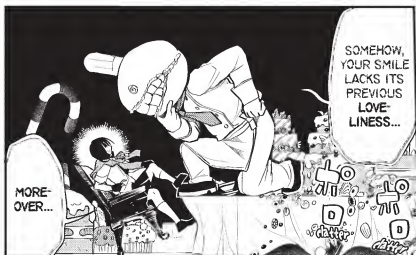
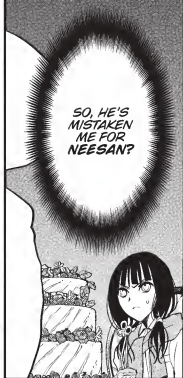
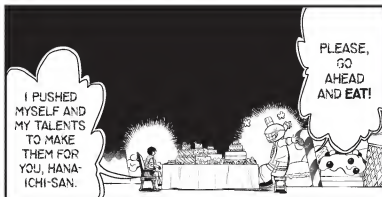


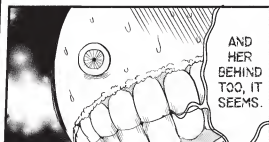
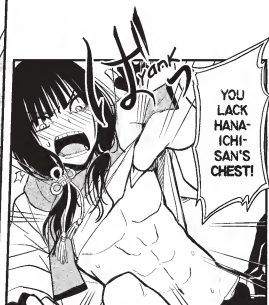


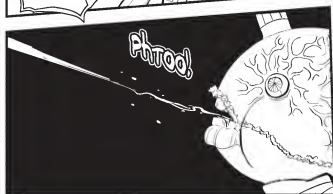
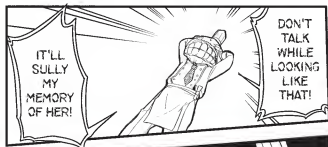


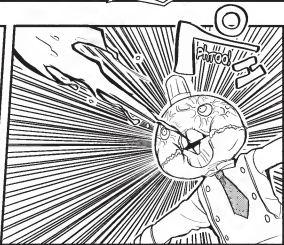


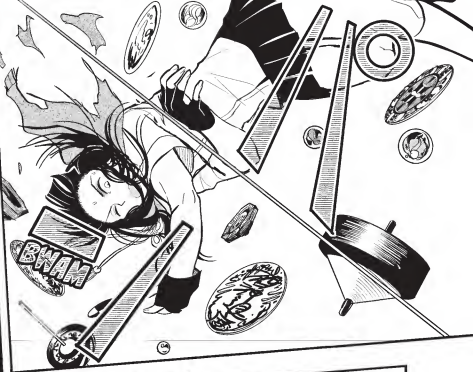


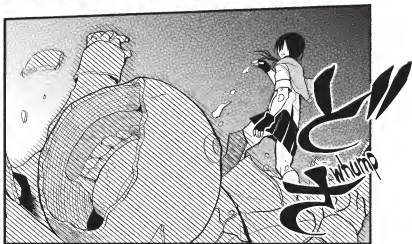


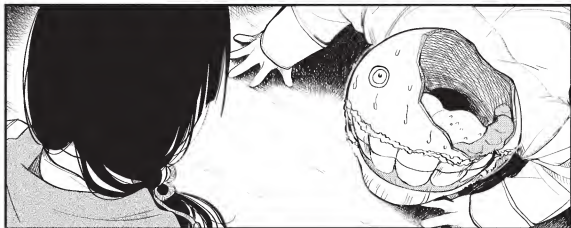














THOUGH THE
TRAINING WAS
DIFFICULT,
JUST
SEEING
HER SMILE
MADE ME
WANT TO
WORK EVEN
HARDER
ON THE NEXT
BATCH.

HANAICHI-
SAN WAS
ALWAYS
HAPPY TO
EAT THE
SWEETS
THAT I
MADE.

IT ALL
HAPPENED
BEFORE I
BECAME A
PHANTOM,
WHEN I
WAS AN
APPRENTICE
PATISSIER.



DON'T
WORRY,
I'LL BE
THERE.

PLEASE
BE THE
FIRST
TO COME
EAT MY
SWEETS!

IF I
BECOME
A PRO PATIS-
SIER...

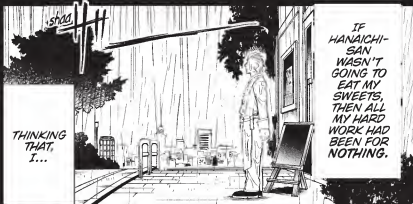
THE DAY
BEFORE
MY
PATISSIER
EXAM...



I HEARD
RUMORS
THAT
HANAICHI-
SAN HAD
DIED.

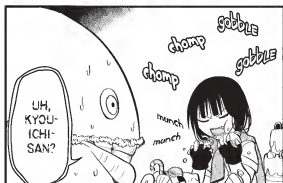
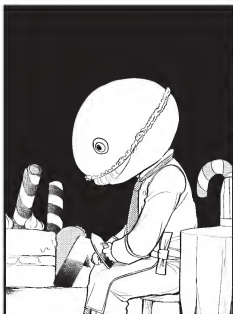


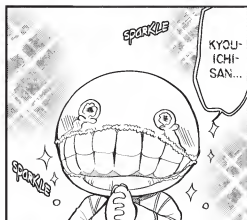
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SAN
DIDN'T
COME.

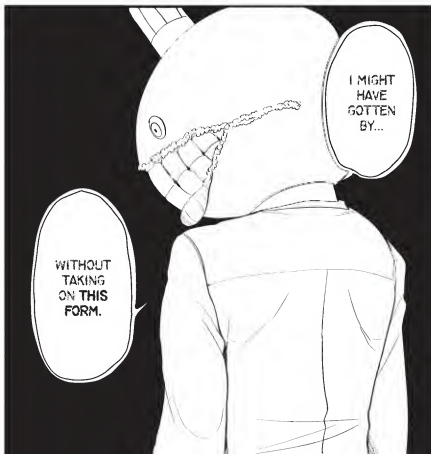
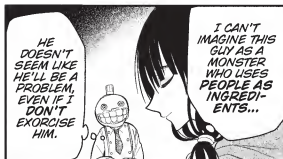
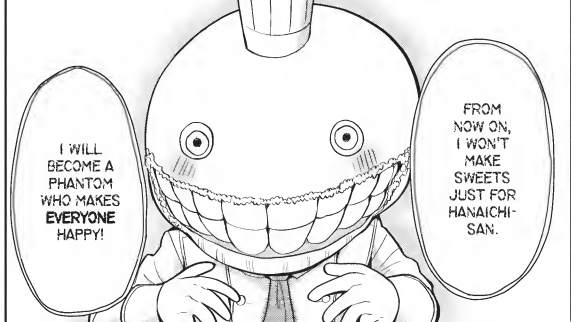


THINKING
THAT,
I...

IF
HANAICHI-
SAN
WASN'T
GOING TO
EAT MY
SWEETS,
THEN ALL
MY HARD
WORK HAD
BEEN FOR
NOTHING.

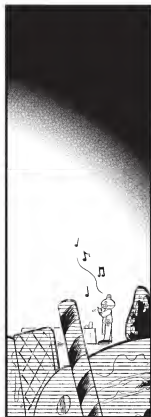
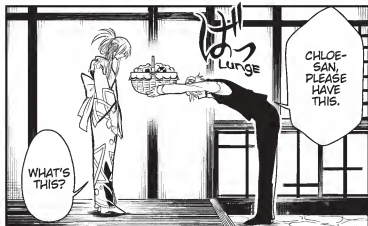


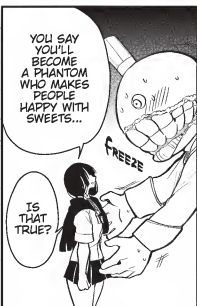




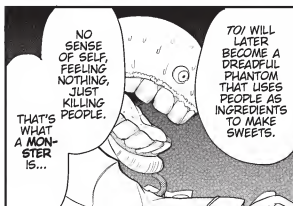


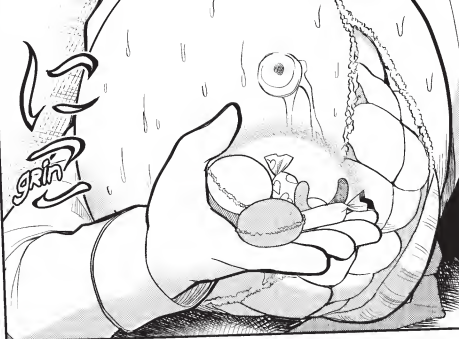




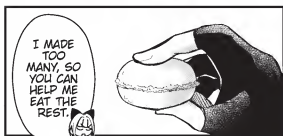












K a i d a n n i k k i



Shadow Heroine and Reaper, Chloe Kowloon

About her last name: I was hooked on the video game Kowloon's Gate at the time, and so I took it from that. This game is unique for its Fantasy China atmosphere, and is very scary (lol)!

For her appearance (an imposing woman with a Greta Garbo hat), I used "Hasshaku-sama" as a reference. She's from that online urban legend and is supposed to be over two meters tall! While Hasshaku-sama dresses in fine, white clothing, Chloe is a reaper, so I went with black mourning clothes. The horns I took from the idea that "death = eternal sleep = sheep," I think.

I got the idea for her pet(?)--a crow with a human head --from a game called *Yuuyami Doori Tánkentai*.

I also used this game as a reference for *Ghost Diary's* "Legend Investigations."

This horror game has a thing called "panorama view" where you can survey 360 degrees around a fixed place, and I got chills numerous times from the fear of not knowing what I would see.

Sukami Family Album



- Hanaichi takes her first steps!



- NO, DON'T GO THAT WAY!



- Kyouichi is born.



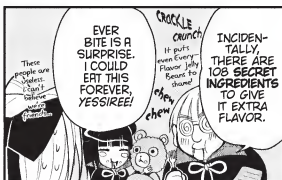
- Eldest daughter Hanaichi is born!



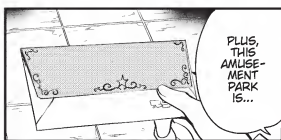
- Hanaichi seals away all her school's Seven Wonders Monsters!

5th Page ♦ The Unsolved Amusement Park Murders















HE
DOESN'T
HAVE THE
TIME FOR
SUCH
FRIVOLOUS
ACTIVITIES.



AND
FOR MOI'S
MEMORIES
TO RETURN...

LISTEN
UP,
KAGUYA-
DOLU
MAYUMI.

IN ORDER
FOR SUKAMI
KYOLUICHI
TO FIND
HIS SISTER
SUKAMI
HANAICHI...

WE MUST
COMPLETE
THE GHOST
DIARY AS
SOON AS
POSSIBLE.



THE
HECK?

HE
COMPLETELY
FORGOT
ABOUT MY
BIRTHDAY!



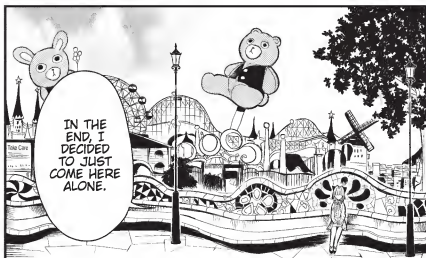
KYOLU-
ICHI...

AS
CHLOE
SAID, NOW
ISN'T THE
TIME FOR
A DAY
OUT.

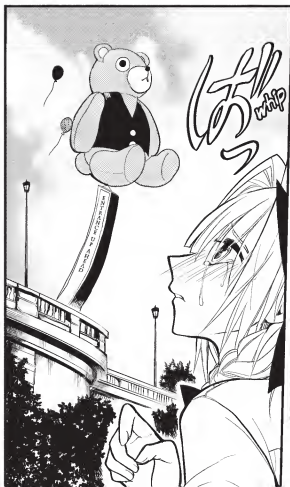
SORRY,
MA-
YUMI.

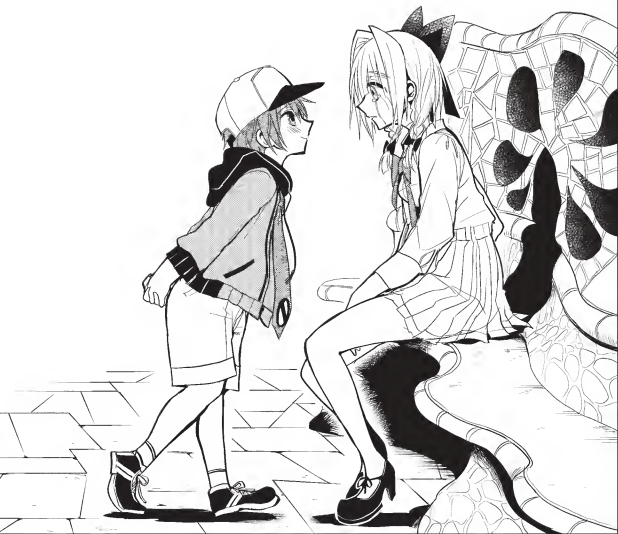


ALSO,
STAY
AWAY
FROM
THAT
PLACE.



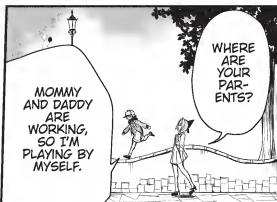
THE
NEXT
DAY.







HEY!



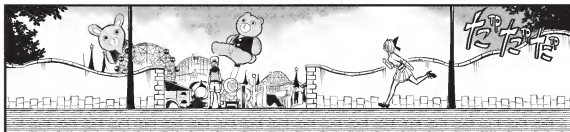
MOMMY
AND DADDY
ARE
WORKING,
SO I'M
PLAYING BY
MYSELF.

WHERE
ARE
YOUR
PAR-
ENTS?



WE
NEED TO
FIND A
POLICE
OFFICER--

A KID
LIKE YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE OUT
BY YOUR-
SELF!

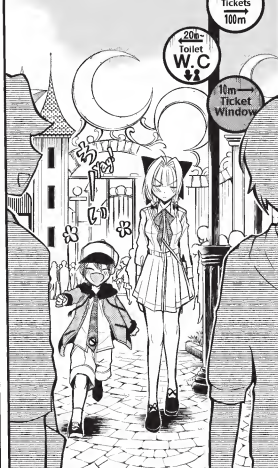


PLAYING
AROUND
OUTSIDE
THE GATE
IS AS
CLOSE
AS I
CAN GET.

BUT I
CAN'T,
'CAUSE
I DON'T
HAVE ANY
MONEY.

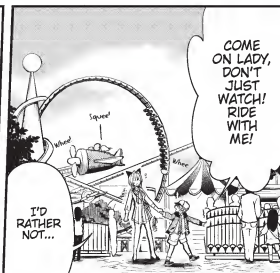


MAN,
I WISH
I COULD
GO
THERE.





THEN WHAT DID YOU EVEN COME HERE FOR?!





IS IT
OKAY IF
I CALL
YOU
MAYUMI-
ONEE-
CHAN?

BUT
IT'S
ENOUGH
HAVING
A BIG
SISTER
JUST FOR
TODAY.



YOU
KNOW, I
WISH YOU
WERE MY
BIG
SISTER.

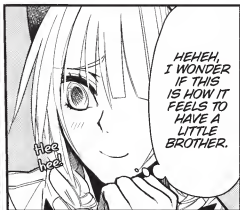


I WONDER
IF
KYOLICHI'S
BIG SISTER
ALSO
FEELS THIS
WAY.



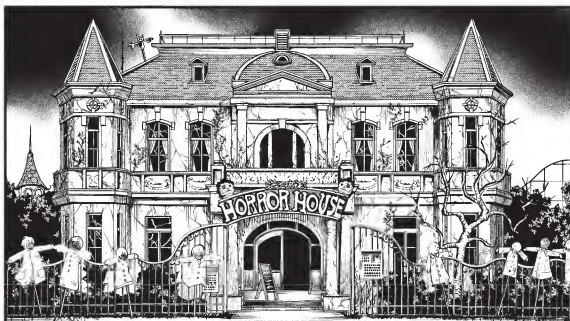
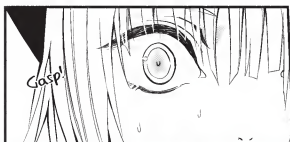
REALLY
?!
ALL
RIGHT!

SURE,
GO
AHEAD.



HEHEH,
I WONDER
IF THIS
IS HOW IT
FEELS TO
HAVE A
LITTLE
BROTHER.

hee
hee!







はーい
okaaaay!

HAVE
FUN,
BUT BE
CAREFUL!

YOU
HAVE
FREE
TIME
NOW,
EVERY-
ONE.

WE
CAME
HERE AS
PART
OF A
SCHOOL
TRIP.



THERE'S A
LEGEND THAT
THERE'RE
REAL GHOSTS
IN THAT
HAUNTED
HOUSE!

HAVE
YOU ALL
HEARD?



H/M,
THAT I
DON'T
KNOW.

BUT
WHAT SORT
OF TRICK
COULD'VE
KILLED
SO MANY
WOMEN?

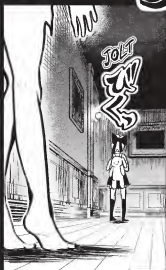
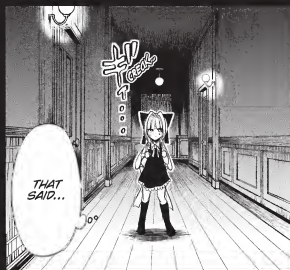
THAT'S
JUST
DUMB.



I GUESS
ALL OF
THEM
WERE
MURDERED
NEARBY.

THE
MURDERER
HASN'T
BEEN
CAUGHT
YET...

SO THE
GHOSTS OF ALL
THE WOMEN
WHO'VE BEEN
LEAD TO
THEIR DEATHS
STILL ROAM
THE HALLS,
LOOKING FOR
THEIR KILLER!









GHOSTS WHO DIED WITH A GRUDGE TRY TO MAKE PEOPLE WHO CAN SEE THEM JOIN THEM.

IT APPEARS YOU HAVE HIGHER SPIRITUAL POWER THAN MOST PEOPLE.

THAT'S WHY THAT GHOST DISTORTED TIME AND WAS TRYING TO KILL YOU.



THIS BOY...

RESCUED ME.



YOU SHOULDN'T COME HERE AGAIN.

NOW THAT YOU'VE FORMED A LINK WITH THAT GHOST...



I'M SUKAMI KYOICHI...

FROM THE SUKAMI FAMILY OF EXORCISTS.



NAME!

HUH?

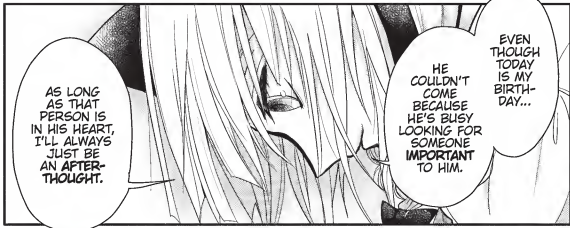
TELL ME YOUR NAME!



IT
COULDN'T
BE
HELPED.



BUT...
AREN'T
YOU HERE
ALONE TODAY
BECAUSE
KYOUICHI-KUN
WAS BUSY?



AS LONG
AS THAT
PERSON IS
IN HIS HEART,
I'LL ALWAYS
JUST BE
AN AFTER-
THOUGHT.

HE
COULDN'T
COME
BECAUSE
HE'S BUSY
LOOKING FOR
SOMEONE
IMPORTANT
TO HIM.

EVEN
THOUGH
TODAY
IS MY BIRTH-
DAY...



I GUESS
I'LL JUST
HAVE TO
HELP YOU
CELEBRATE
YOUR BIRTH-
DAY...

IN
KYOUICHI-
KUN'S
PLACE!



IN
THAT
CASE...

HE'S A
HORRIBLE
MAN FOR
HURTING
YOU LIKE
THAT,
MAYUMI-
NEECHAN.







OR I'LL
SLICE
OUT
THAT
TONGUE
OF
YOURS
AND
EAT IT!



YOU'RE
THE YOUNG
HEIRESS
OF THE
KAGUYADOU
COSMETICS
COMPANY,
RIGHT, ONEE-
CHAN?
NO WONDER
YOU'RE
SO CUTE.

WHAT
IS
THIS?



HEY!
HURRY
UP AND
LINTIE
ME!



THAT
MURDER-
ER...

WAS
ME.



REMEMBER
BEFORE,
WHEN
YOU WERE
TALKING
ABOUT
THOSE
MURDERS
THAT
HAPPENED
NEARBY?



NOT
GONNA
TELL
YOU!
♪



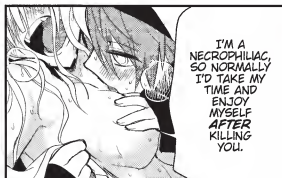
HEH HEH!
YOU'RE
SURPRISED
I'M NOT
ACTING
MY AGE,
AREN'T
YOU?

WANNA
KNOW MY
SECRET?
ACTUALLY,
I'M...

THAT
...
CAN'T
BE...



BUT
THIS TIME,
I THOUGHT
I'D TRY
OUT
A BIG-
SISTER/
LITTLE-
BROTHER
THING.



I'M A
NECROPHILIAC,
SO NORMALLY
I'D TAKE MY
TIME AND
ENJOY
MYSELF
AFTER
KILLING
YOU.



WILL ALSO
GET TO SEE
WHAT YOU
LOOK LIKE
WHEN YOU
BECOME
A WOMAN,
MAYUMI-
ONEECHAN.

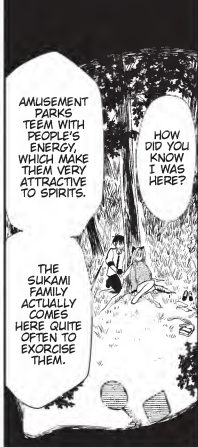
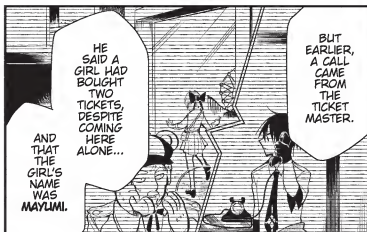
DON'T
WORRY.
THANKS
TO THIS
CAMERA,
KYOUICHI-
KUN...



ARE
YOU A
VIRGIN,
ONEECHAN?
SO
CUTE.







ALREADY... THAT CHILD IS... I SEE...





DUE TO A HEREDITARY HORMONAL ABNORMALITY, YOU'RE UNABLE TO GROW UP AND YOUR BODY REMAINS THAT OF A CHILD.

BECAUSE OF THAT, YOU'VE ESCAPED THE EYE OF THE LAW AND GOTTEN AWAY WITH UNSPEAKABLE DEEDS.

THE WOMEN YOU MURDERED TOLD ME EVERYTHING.

HE LOOKS JUST LIKE THE BITCH WHO KILLED ME!



I DON'T USUALLY TAKE ON HUMAN CRIMINALS, BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THE DEAD WOMEN I HAVE TO PUT AN END TO THIS.

OH, I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF, HAVE I?

I AM SUKAMI HANAICHI, DAUGHTER OF A FAMILY OF EXORCISTS.



EVEN AFTER ALL THIS, I'LL STILL KEEP UP MY HOBBY!

BUT NOW THAT I'M A GHOST, I NO LONGER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE COPS!

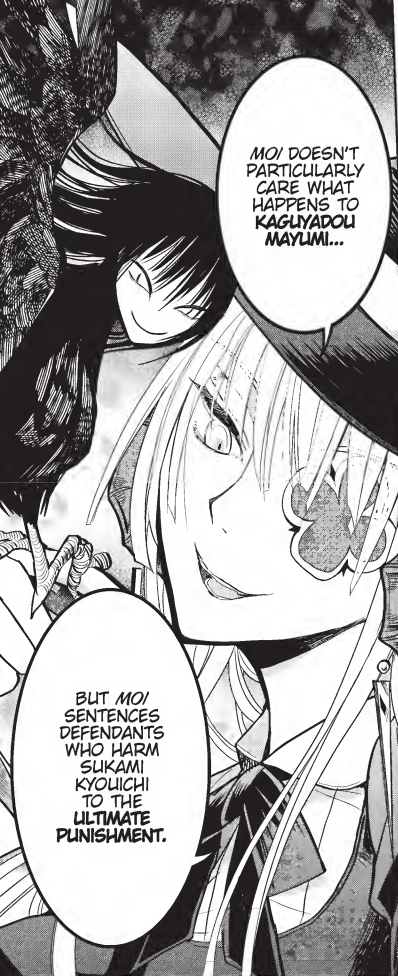


AND THEN, WHILE RUNNING AWAY FROM HER, I DIED.









MOI DOESN'T
PARTICULARLY
CARE WHAT
HAPPENS TO
KAGUYADOU
MAYUMI...

BUT MOI
SENTENCES
DEFENDANTS
WHO HARM
SUKAMI
KYOUICHI
TO THE
ULTIMATE
PUNISHMENT.

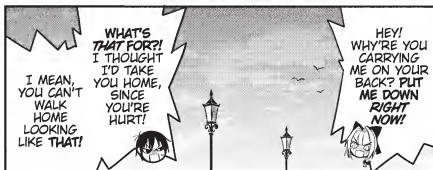


PEOPLE WHO
DIE WITH A
GRUDGE
REPEAT THE
MOMENT RIGHT
BEFORE THEIR
DEATH, OVER
AND OVER
AGAIN.

IT'S
LIKE A
TAPE
RECORDER.

AND THEN,
BY HAVING
INTRODUCED
ALL OF TOI,
MOI HAS
OVERWRITTEN
THIS TAPE.

NOW ALL
OF TOI WILL
SURELY
REPEAT
THIS MAD
FEAST, FOR
ETERNITY...





THE TRUTH
IS, I WANTED
TO GIVE IT
TO YOU
YESTERDAY,
BUT IT TOOK
LONGER TO
MAKE THAN
I EXPECTED.



IT'S AN
AMULET
I MADE.



YOU'RE
NOT
SKILLED
LIKE
NEESAN...

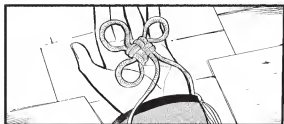
BUT
I THINK
YOU'RE
STRONG
ENOUGH
THAT YOU
COULD
EXORCISE
GHOSTS, IF
THEY'RE
WEAK.

GHOSTS
ARE ALWAYS
GOING TO
GO AFTER
YOU BECAUSE
OF YOUR
HIGH
SPIRITUAL
POWER.



MY
BIRTHDAY
AFTER
ALL.

KYOICHI
REMEM-
BERED...

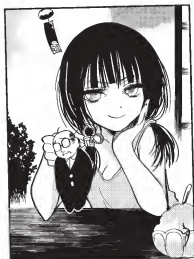


WAIT,
COULD
THIS
BE...

A
BIRTHDAY
PRESENT?



Sukami Family Album



● Hanaichi nabs a little old man!



● Hanaichi & Kyouichi's first day of school!

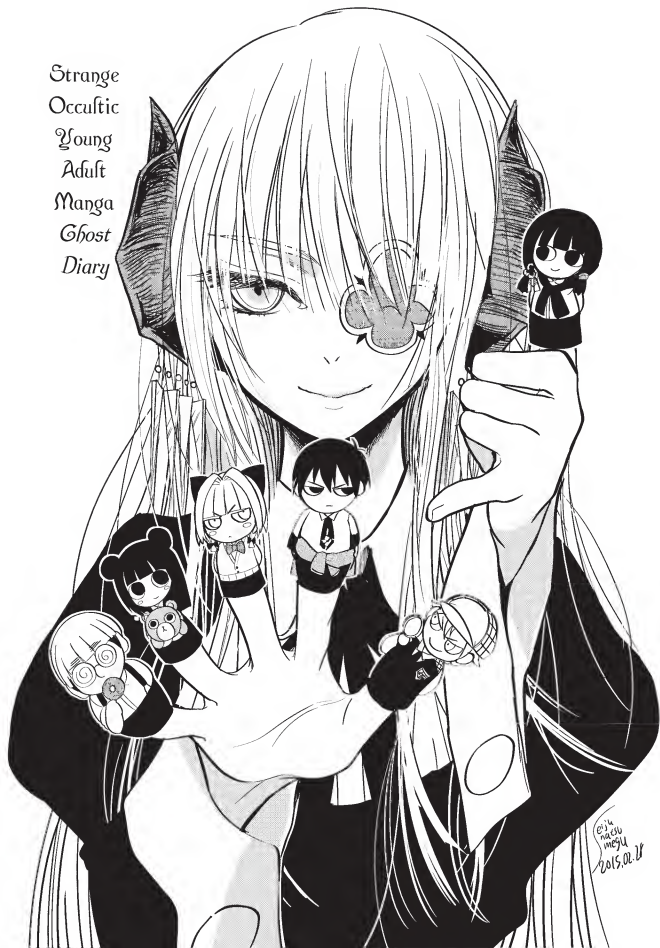


● Hanaichi dresses up Kyouichi!



● Hanaichi is popular!
DADDY IS WORRIED..

Strange
Occultic
Young
Adult
Manga
Ghost
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[Extra Story • The Secret Origin of the Occult Club]



WHY
DOESN'T
ANYONE
PLAY WITH
SUKAMI-
KUN?



I'M
GOING
TO STAY
FAR AWAY
FROM
HIM!

YIKES,
SCARY!

I HEAR
YOU GET
POSSESSED
IF YOU GO
NEAR HIM.

BECAUSE
HE CAN
SEE
GHOSTS.



I'D
RATHER
JUST
RELAX
ON MY
OWN...

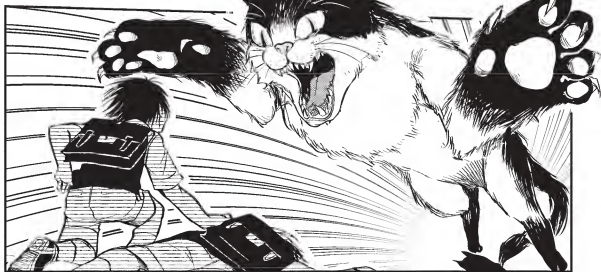
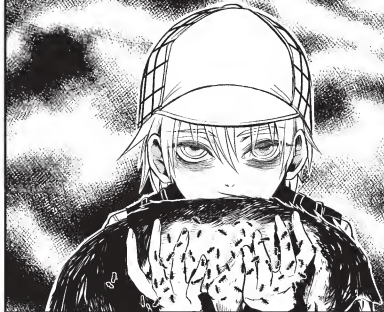
THAN
HANG OUT
WITH A
BUNCH
OF
IDIOTS.



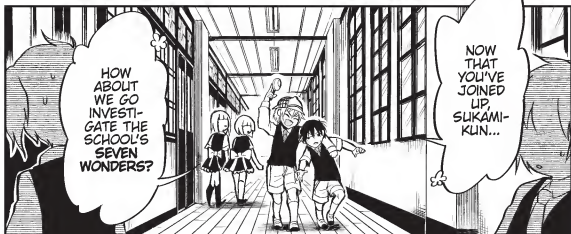
KYOUNICHI,
AREN'T
YOU GOING
TO PLAY
WITH YOUR
FRIENDS?















To Be Continued...

1st Page • { The Nameless God }

When I first started drawing this, big brother/little sister stuff was popular. So I thought, "Okay, I'll draw a weird big sister/little brother thing." However, the big sis logged-out in the first chapter. Also, would "Nameless God" be the nameless' god's name?

2nd Page • { The Reaper Chloe }

I really enjoyed drawing the Occult Club members all grown up. Also, it just made sense to find a reaper in an old hospital. The Winchester Mystery House has become a tourist destination, so if I could go to America, I'd definitely like to go there (laughs).

3rd Page • { The Impassable Forest }

This feels like an introductory chapter for the Occult Club members. I worked very hard on the art. The model for the monster tree was from the urban legend "Devil's Tree" (a man-eating tree).

4th Page • { The Phantom Macaron }

This is my own original urban legend. I wanted a creature with a cute name but disgusting appearance (laughs).

I remember being surprised at how popular it was. After the little jokes about sweets and dressing as a girl, the final blow is painful... I think I was able to draw a good story packed with my own sort of fascinations.

5th Page • { The Unsolved Amusement-Park Murders }

What am I doing to these poor high-school students...? It was my first time trying to use evening tone that I made myself, and I'm happy that it came out pretty in the printing. Incidentally, the murderous child in the story has what's called "Highlander Syndrome." If you develop this, your body doesn't grow older, I hear. I'm extremely envious (laughs).

Extra Story • { The Secret Origins of the Occult Club }

It's the Occult Club again as little boys and girls, for the first time in a while.

It was fun to draw Sacki's room. People who recognize all the horror movie shout-outs would likely be Sacki's new best friend (laughs).

{ Final Commentary }

Well, that finishes the afterword. Though *Ghost Diary* is my first series, it's the kind of weird stuff I love, which is why I can put my all into drawing it.

I would be very happy if you would also read volume 2. With that said, let's meet again!

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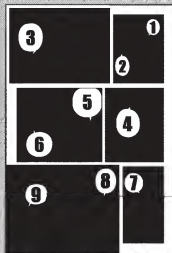
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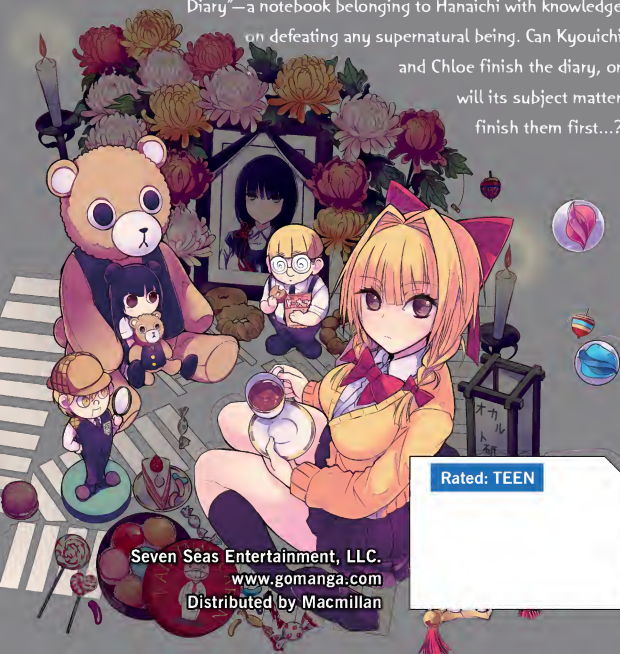
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THERE WILL BE HELL TO PAY!

Sukami Kyouichi and his older sister Hanaichi come from a long line of exorcists. Both are accustomed to fighting ghouls, ghosts, and monsters, but when Kyouichi angers an actual god, it's Hanaichi who pays the price and mysteriously goes missing. While searching for her, Kyouichi meets Chloe Kowloon, a grim reaper who claims to be Hanaichi's friend. Chloe promises to tell Kyouichi anything she knows if he will help Chloe retrieve her lost memories. But the only way to do this is to complete the "Ghost

Diary"—a notebook belonging to Hanaichi with knowledge on defeating any supernatural being. Can Kyouichi and Chloe finish the diary, or will its subject matter finish them first...?



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